

I would like to thank you very much for your help and support with The Boys and Girls Club of Peel Summer Adventure Day Camp. It was very important that these children had some opportunity for summer recreation. With your support that was made possible.

The project was a great success and we hope it will be possible to run it again next year.

Summer Canada, in my city, helped people as well in places like the San Salvador Centre where three students worked out a slide presentation on the immigrant experience in our city. Those slides will be distributed to service clubs, schools and churches and will help its residents to understand some of the emotional upheaval which new people in Mississauga sometimes feel.

On the job creation side, Mr. Speaker, the United Way, which, of course, is currently in the middle of its fund raising drive, has just received \$70,000 from the Canada-Ontario Employment Development Program, COED. It is going to use that money to hire four people who will then improve its fund raising and community group liaison work. As well, people at the San Salvador Centre are developing a new community centre which will become the home for Serbian people in Mississauga. Again, that community centre is being built by volunteers in partnership with the Government.

In the Canada Works area last year, two non-profit community newspapers, the *Valley Echo* in the centre of Mississauga and the *Meadowvale World* in the community of Meadowvale each hired a person who has helped to build up the newspapers. These are non-profit monthly newspapers which pass on important neighbourhood information to local residents. It is the kind of information which can only really be communicated through this sort of community paper. Each of these newspapers hired a person who has contributed greatly to the advertising revenues of the newspapers and to their internal administration. I was very pleased to be able to recommend both those organizations for these grants.

The Peel Multicultural Council is hard at work on a citizenship program. The Malton Community Council and the Mississauga Canadian-Italian Association are helping to build up immigrant aid services in those two important parts of our city.

I have mentioned all of these organizations, Mr. Speaker, as I believe that Government and volunteers work hand in hand best in this way. When these kinds of specific grants are used they help people accomplish given tasks, specific tasks, without creating undue dependence upon Government. The very nature of the work of a volunteer is to stay independent from Government, to use extra energy without having to rely on the public sector. I feel these grants, whether they be New Horizons, Summer Canada, COED or the Canada Works, are helping people to build up the quality of life in our city. They are not the fundamental financing, not the lifeline of the group, but they are important seed money which launches specific and important projects for each organization.

The grants also help these groups avoid a dependency on Government. They are available, of course, for parliamentary scrutiny. They are available for community examination in our city. We here in Ottawa on the Government side have to

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answer why we are spending money in this fashion, so these grants satisfy the requirements of a responsible Government. For the groups which receive them, grants are available in predictable amounts and there are predictable methods of application. For the people in Government they are predictable as well because we can control or dedicate specific amounts of money towards each of these programs. These grants are not open-ended. They do not add willy-nilly to Government spending. They add specific, concrete amounts each year to Government spending. The community benefit, of course, comes in the form of accomplishments in each group which many times results in extra employment.

It is my view, Mr. Speaker, that any time we are going to offer assistance to charities—and I feel it is important to do that—we must remember the question of dependence on Government agencies. We do not want our volunteer groups to become too deeply involved in Government financing and then find the only way they can stay alive is through repeated injections of grants. I do not believe the community wants that.

When I approve a grant in my own area to a specific group, I make sure it knows it is only going to last for a year. It is not there for an unending period of time in the future; it is there for a specific period of time. I do not feel we want groups to be built up to rely solely on federal Government largesse. We want groups which will take the opportunity provided by these grants to build up specific projects or special programs without becoming dependent upon us. In my city, that is what people seem to respond to. They seem to like that approach. People seem to agree that a specific targeted spending of grants is an appropriate way to support worth-while activities and to develop some employment.

When we are looking at this issue, it is my hope that we will not ignore all the good ideas which the Hon. Member for Waterloo (Mr. McLean) has raised. He has proposed that a variety of Government facilities should be made available to volunteers, whether they be in charities, sports leagues or any other voluntary agency. However, I would be concerned that we would be constantly making these facilities available and creating a dependence on Government which neither the Government nor the people really want.

As we study this issue, I would like to take a look at that question of dependency. I am very proud of being associated with the community groups and volunteer agencies in my city. I feel they really improve the quality of life there. I would like to take this opportunity, in this brief address, to extend my congratulations to the men and women who have worked so hard and who freely and generously have dedicated their time to their neighbours and to their city.

**Mr. Benno Friesen (Surrey-White Rock-North Delta):** Mr. Speaker, I will take only about five or six minutes to speak on the principle of this Bill. I will begin by congratulating the Hon. Member for Waterloo (Mr. McLean) on addressing this very important problem. I would also like to take this opportunity to say that I could not disagree more with almost everything which the Hon. Member for Mississauga North (Mr.